# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

STEPHEN ANJORIN,

Plaintiff,

Case: 2:16-cv-10893 Judge: Cox, Sean F. MJ: Majzoub, Mona K.

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CITY OF DETROIT, a Municipal Corporation,

DETROIT POLICE CHIEF JAMES CRAIG

**BOULEVARD & TRUMBULL, Michigan** Corporation,

Defendants,

Stephen Anjorin, In Pro se Attorney for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants

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## COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Plaintiff In pro se, by and through himself and for his Complaint against the Defendants states as follows:

# INTRODUCTORY AND JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENTS

This is an action for money damages brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C 1983 AND THE 4<sup>TH</sup> 5<sup>TH</sup> and fourteenth Amendment to the U.S Constitution, and under the statutes and common law of the state of Michigan against these named Defendants in their

individual capacities and/or official capacities against the City of Detroit, Michigan. It is alleged that the Defendants, while acting under the color of law and in the scope and course of their employment as police officers, came to Plaintiff's dwelling house invaded his privacy, without justification removed his 4 vehicles from his driveway/garage, damaged the cars. Entered Plaintiff's dwelling without a valid warrant and searched Defendant's house and acted with grossly negligent conduct, and violated Plaintiff's right under the Federal laws, Michigan statutory laws, and his constitutional rights.

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. Stephen Anjorin, Plaintiff, was at all times herein a resident of the City of Detroit, county of wayne, state of Michigan.
- 3. Defendant City of Detroit is a Municipal Corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Michigan.
- 4. The two Detroit Police officers were at all times relevant to this complaint, Police officers employed by the City of Detroit acting under the color of law, and within the scope of authority and course of their employment.
- 5. Defendant chief James Craig, at all times relevant to this complaint, was the official with final policy making authority relevant hereto.
- 6. As to the Negligent conduct of the Defendants, it is alleged that the Defendants caused the injuries to the Plaintiff while acting in their course of employment or service or on behalf of their governmental employer and:
- (a) Defendants were acting or reasonably believed that they were acting within the scope of their authority.
- (b) The governmental agency was engaged in the exercise or discharge of governmental function, and
- (c) The Defendants conduct amounted to gross Negligence that was the proximate cause of the injury or the damage.
- (i) The acts were undertaken during the course of employment and the employee were acting or reasonably believe were acting within their scope of authority,
- (ii) The acts were undertaken with lack of good faith, or were undertaken with malice, and
- (iii) The acts were not discretionary.
- 7. The amount in controversy exceeds seventy-five thousand(\$75,000.00)Dollars.

- 8. All events, transactions, or occurrences pertinent hereto, occurred within the county of Wayne.
- 9. Upon information and belief, the individual Defendants reside in the county of Wayne, State of Michigan.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 10. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 11. On September 29, 2014, at approximately 7.00 A.M While Plaintiff was in bed sleeping in his House at the location of 2440 West Euclid Street, Detroit Michigan, he hears a noise from downstairs
- 12. On coming out of the building, Plaintiff went down. Plaintiff saw two Policemen who told him that they were from City of Detroit police officers.
- 13. On the street were two tow trucks belonging to the third Defendant.
- 14. The employees of the third Defendant were removing the Plaintiff's property/vehicles.
- 15. Plaintiff inquired to know why the third Defendant was removing his cars, was told by the officers that they were stolen property.
- 16. Plaintiff denied the allegations was told to produce the title, registration and insurance belonging to him.
- 17. Plaintiff produced the title, registration and the insurance to the TOYOTA/COROLLA 1998, but was able to provide only the title belonging to the MERCEDES BENZ ML 320 1999, JEEP CHEROKEE 2003 AND THE TOYOTA/CAMRY 2008.
- 18. After a lot of argument with a payment of less than \$100.00, the Toyota Corolla was released. The other three cars taken to custody based on investigation.
- 19. While removing the cars from the Plaintiff, it was discovered that the four Tires and the rim to the TOYOTA/CAMRY were damaged and also the right fender and door were ripped off.
- 20. Plaintiff was given the address location of the third Defendant.
- 21. On or about 10-5-2014, Plaintiff went to the third Defendant company to recover his car where the supervisor told the Plaintiff that his cars were probably towed due to no plate.
- 22. While Plaintiff went to recover his property from the third Defendant, it was discovered that the right mirror of the Mercedes had been damaged and the hub cap had been removed.

- 23. On or about 10-7-14, Plaintiff went to the 10th precinct to make a formal complaint, requested to speak to the supervisor where he was told that the cars were towed due to violation of Environmental laws.
- 24. That it was discovered that when Plaintiff recovered his Toyota Camry, the car could not move on drive.
- 25. That the estimated amount of damages to the cars was \$14,000.00.
- 26. That Plaintiff paid an estimated amount of \$1,200.00 for storage fees.
- 27. That up till date the Plaintiff through frantic efforts has not been able to get the requested Police Report.

# **COUNT 1: GROSS NEGLIGENCE**

- 28. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 29. Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty to perform their law enforcement duties competently without causing unnecessary injury or harm.
- 30. That the third Defendant and the officers acted negligently and were reckless when they forcefully dragged Plaintiff's car without requesting for the keys thereby causing damages to those cars.
- 31. The Defendants breached said duty by failing to properly investigate and failing to stop each other from knowingly violating the constitutional rights of Plaintiff.
- 32. That each Defendant's conduct was so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern as to whether or not an injury occurred, amounting to Gross Negligence as defined by MCL 691.1407(2) ET SEQ, MSA 3.996(107)et seq.
- 33. As direct and proximate result of each Defendant's acts and omissions, Plaintiff suffered injury and damage as more set forth below.

# COUNT 2: 42 USC 1983 AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS

- 34. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 35. By reason of their acts set forth in the complaint, the individual Defendants acted under the color of law and with oppression and malice to Plaintiff, to the deprivation of his rights and privileges and immunities secured by the constitution and laws to wit;
- (a) The right to be deprived of liberty and property without due process of law, as secured by 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the constitution of the United States of America;

- (b) The rights to be free from illegal search and seizure, unlawful seizure of property and invasion of privacy as provided by the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the U.S Constitution.
- 36. The Defendants conduct was in accordance with the practice, usage policy and procedures, and/or customs of their employer Defendant City of Detroit, said policies of deliberate indifference to Plaintiff's rights as secured under the U.S Constitution.
- 37. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff suffered the damages as set forth herein.

#### COUNT 3: 42 U.SC 1983 AGAINST THE CITY OF DETROIT

- 38. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth therein.
- 39. The above-described conduct of the individual Defendants was performed under the color of law while they were working as officers for the Defendant City of Detroit.
- 40. Defendant City knew or should have known that of these Defendants propensity for such unconstitutional conduct.
- 41. The Defendant City of Detroit failed to safeguard against said known unconstitutional conduct and such failure amounted to tacit approval of said conduct and Defendant City is directly liable for violation of Plaintiff's liberty, property and bodily interests, and rights to be free from unreasonably search and seizure of property.
- 42. Defendant's City has a long custom, pattern and/or practices of failing to take disciplinary action to correct or remedy the unlawful conduct of Defendant officers and other Detroit officers who engaged in similar conduct.
- 43. The Defendant City had a custom, pattern and/or practices of failing to take disciplinary action to correct or remedy the unlawful conduct of Defendants officers and other Defendants officers who engaged in similar conduct.
- 44. The Defendants officers had a custom, pattern and/or practice of failing to supervise and/or train Defendants officers who engaged in similar conduct.
- 45. Defendant City has a long standing custom, pattern, and/or practice of demonstrating deliberate indifference to unreasonable, inadequate and deficient investigations, illegal searches and seizures, unlawful property seizure as complained against the officers herein.
- 46. Defendant City demonstrated deliberate indifference by adherence to, application and interpretation of, and/or acquiescence in the following policies, customs, patterns, and practices which are wholly defective.

- a. Failing to adequately screen active duty policemen and new recruits for propensities for abuses of power and psychological disturbances which could forseeably endanger citizens;
- b. Tacitly approving an unwritten custom of failing to discipline officers who made unreasonable, inadequate and deficient investigations, illegal or unreasonable searches and seizures and unlawful seizure of citizens property.
- c. Failing to adequately investigate complaints against officers who were claimed to have performed unreasonable search and seizures and unlawfully removing citizens property.
- d. Failing to train officers regarding proper investigations of crime under these circumstances, searches and seizures.
- 47. Defendant City was aware of facts from which the inference could be drawn that a substantial risk of serious injury/harm existed, and was conscious of risk of harm posed by the conduct of the Defendants officers.
- 48. The failure of the Defendant City, under the circumstance to properly supervise, train and/or discipline Defendants officers and officers engage in similar misconduct was objectively unreasonable and demonstrated a deliberate indifference to incidents and complaints against its officers , and deliberate indifference to the rights of persons of such Plaintiff.
- 49. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of Defendant City, Plaintiff suffered severe injury and damages as set forth herein.

# **COUNT 4: SUPERVISORY LIABILITY AGAINST JAMES CRAIG**

- 50. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 51. Defendant James Craig while under the color of law, by acts and omissions, did affirmatively subject Plaintiff to deprivation of his rights, privileges and immunities as secured by the constitution of United States as follows:
- a. The right not to be deprived of liberty or property without due process of law as provided by the 4<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S Constitution.
- b. The right to be secured in his person as provided by the  $4^{th}$  and  $14^{th}$  Amendments to the U.S Constitution.
- 52. Defendant James Craig by engaging, and/or explicitly and/or implicitly authorizing, approving and/or knowingly acquiescing in constitutional conduct as set forth in this complaint, did affirmatively subject Plaintiff to deprivation of his rights, privileges and immunities as secured by the U.S Constitution.

- 53. The acts and omissions of the Defendants were under the color of law, and were in accordance with practice, usage, policy and procedures , and customs of deliberate indifference to Plaintiff's rights as secured under the U.S Constitution of the Defendant City of Detroit.
- 54. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of Defendant James Craig, Plaintiff suffered severe injury and damages as set forth herein.

# COUNT 5: VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C 1983; CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF STEPHEN ANJORIN

- 55. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 56. The individual Defendants named herein conspired and committed malicious acts in furtherance of their Conspiracy to deprive Plaintiff of his Civil Rights under the law, depriving him of his Rights and privileges granted to citizens of the United States of America.
- 57. All Individual Defendants conspired and committed acts in furtherance of a conspiracy to wit: seize Plaintiff's property without justification, thereby depriving him of his Civil rights to liberty under the Constitution of the United States of America.
- 58. Each of the Defendants acted in furtherance of their conspiracy by engaging in one or more acts set forth in his Complaint.
- 59. As a direct and proximate result of the conspiracy and acts in furtherance thereof, Plaintiff suffered injury and damages as set forth herein.

### **DAMAGES**

- 60. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 61. As the direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff suffered injuries and damages, including, but limited to:
  - a. Humiliation, embarrassment, shock, fear, outrage;
  - b. Severe emotional distress; and mental injury
  - c. Loss of Liberty
  - d. Unwanted Intrusion of his Personal Liberty
  - e. Other Economic Injury
  - f. Invasion of Peaceful Enjoyment of property
  - g. Other Damages Currently unascertainable

h. Exemplary damages as provided by the court rules and statutes, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C 1988.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff respectfully request that this Honorable court award damages in the amount of \$2.014M, Plus interest from the day of judgment till payment. Plaintiff further requests an award for damages and such other and further relief as is consistent with law and which this Honorably court deems just and proper.

Dated: March 10, 2016

Respectfully submitted

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